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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IRAN AIR SUMMER SCHEDULE

REF: (A) TEHRAN 3146; (B) STATE 057179

1. FIRST AND SECOND STAGES OF IRAN AIR SUMMER SCHEDULE
SHOW INCREASE IN CAPACITY OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.
IN VIEW OF GOI OBJECTION TO PAN AM'S SUMMER SCHEDULE
AND REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT
IS TACTICALLY JUSTIFIED IN OBJECTING TO IRAN AIR'S
SUMMER SCHEDULE. WE STILL PREFER TO PUT OFF CONSULTATION
FOR SIX MONTHS AS EXPLAINED IN REF B.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES TO GOI BY APRIL 19 TO MEET 15 DAY PERIOD FOR
OBJECTIONS: QUOTE...REFERS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE
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NO. 265/18 DATED MARCH 30 AND RECEIVED APRIL 4, 1977
CONTAINING IRAN AIR'S 1977 SUMMER SCHEDULE.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN'S OBJECTION TO
PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAY'S SUMMER SCHEDULE AS UNJUSTIFIED
UNDER THE CAPACITY PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE US-
IRAN AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 1,

1973 (FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE NO. 15729/18 DATED MARCH 3, 1977), THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDS IRAN AIR'S CAPACITY INCREASE AS UNJUSTIFIED AND OBJECTS TO IRAN AIR'S SUMMER SCHEDULE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE CAPACITY PROCEDURES ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT.

WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THE CAPACITY PROCEDURES ANNEX PERMIT THE OBJECTING PARTY TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS, WE REMAIN FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE CAPACITY PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN FULLY MET BY THE US DESIGNATED AIRLINE AND THAT CONSULTATIONS AT THIS TIME ARE UNLIKELY TO REACH AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF THE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES. THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF ANY CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REITERATES ITS EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT CONSULTATIONS BE POSTPONED UNTIL SIX MONTHS AFTER THE CURRENT SCHEDULE FILING HAS GONE INTO EFFECT. END QUOTE.

3. FYI. AS RESULT PANAM LOSS 747 AT TENERIFE, PANAM HAS HAD TO CHANGE CAPACITY TO BE OPERATED TO TEHRAN THIS SUMMER. DAILY FLIGHT VIA ROME AND ISTANBUL WHICH WAS TO BE WITH 747 AIRCRAFT WILL REMAIN WITH 707 AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT SUMMER. ALTHOUGH THIS WILL UNDERCUT IRANIAN OBJECTIONS, WE DO NOT WANT PANAM CHANGE TO BE VIEWED AS A CONCESSION, WHICH IT IS NOT. EMBASSY WILL SHORTLY RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FILE THIS CHANGE WITH 601 ROUTINELY. END FYI.

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